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September 28, 2020

OFFICE OF
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The Honorable Diana DeGette
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman DeGette:

Thank you for your March 23, 2020, letter to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regarding the supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking (SNPRM) for the rulemaking titled *Strengthening Transparency in Regulatory Science*. I am responding to your letter on behalf of the EPA.

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The Honorable Suzanne Bonamici
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Bonamici:

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The Honorable Mikie Sherrill
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Sherrill:

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The Honorable Sean Casten
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Casten:

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The Honorable Donald S. Beyer Jr.
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Beyer:

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The Honorable Nanette Diaz Barragán
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Barragán:

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The Honorable Ami Bera
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Bera:

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The Honorable Earl Blumenauer
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Blumenauer:

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The Honorable Lisa Blunt Rochester
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Rochester:

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The Honorable Julia Brownley
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Brownley:

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The Honorable Salud Carbajal
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Carbajal:

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The Honorable Tony Cárdenas
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The Honorable Matt Cartwright
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Yvette D. Clarke
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Clarke:

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The Honorable Steve Cohen
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Gerald E. Connolly
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The Honorable Charlie Crist
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The Honorable Susan A. Davis
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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September 28, 2020

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The Honorable Peter A. DeFazio
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman DeFazio:

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The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman DeLauro:

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The Honorable Debbie Dingell
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Dingell:

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The Honorable Mike Doyle
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Doyle:

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The Honorable Eliot L. Engel
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Engel:

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The Honorable Anna G. Eshoo
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Eshoo:

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The Honorable Antonio Espailat
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Espailat:

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The Honorable Lizzie Fletcher
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Fletcher:

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The Honorable Bill Foster
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Tulsi Gabbard
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Ruben Gallego
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable John Garamendi
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Raúl Grijalva
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The Honorable Deb Haaland
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Brian Higgins
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Jared Huffman
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Pramila Jayapal
U.S. House of Representatives
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September 28, 2020

OFFICE OF
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The Honorable William R. Keating
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Keating:

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The Honorable Robin L. Kelly
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Kelly:

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The Honorable Joseph P. Kennedy, III
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Kennedy:

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The Honorable Ro Khanna
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Khanna:

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The Honorable Derek Kilmer
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Kilmer:

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The Honorable Ann McLane Kuster
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable James R. Langevin
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Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Rick Larsen
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Brenda L. Lawrence
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Barbara Lee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Ted W. Lieu
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Daniel W. Lipinski
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Alan Lowenthal
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Doris Matsui
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Betty McCollum
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable A. Donald McEachin
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September 28, 2020

OFFICE OF
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The Honorable Jerry McNerney
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman McNerney:

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The Honorable Seth Moulton
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Moulton:

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The Honorable Jerrold Nadler
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Nadler:

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The Honorable Grace F. Napolitano
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Napolitano:

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The Honorable Joe Neguse
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Chris Pappas
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Ed Perlmutter
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Scott Peters
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Chellie Pingree
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Mark Pocan
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Katie Porter
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Ayanna Pressley
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable David E. Price
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Mike Quigley
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Jamie Raskin
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Bobby L. Rush
U.S. House of Representatives
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September 28, 2020

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The Honorable John P. Sarbanes
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Sarbanes:

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The Honorable Jan Schakowsky
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Schakowsky:

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The Honorable Adam B. Schiff
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Schiff:

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The Honorable Robert C. Scott
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Darren Soto
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Jackie Speier
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Speier:

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The Honorable Hayley M. Stevens
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Stevens:

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The Honorable Thomas R. Suozzi
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Mark Takano
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Juan Vargas
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Marc Veasey
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Nydia Velázquez
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Debbie Wasserman Schultz
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Peter Welch
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The Honorable Jennifer Wexton
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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